(c) whether Government would consider running electric trains from Madurai to Dindigul, Madurai to Virudhunagar and Madurai to Rameshwaram for the convenience of the commuters; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) At present, there is no proposal to electrify Railway line between Trichy to Kanyakumari.

(b) Total allotment made on projects falling fully/partly in the State of Tamil Nadu during 2006-07 is Rs.479.25 crore. The actual expenditure during the year would be known at the end of the year after finalisation of annual accounts. However, expenditure of about Rs.3500 crore had incurred on these projects upto March,2006.

(c) and (d) Not yet. Electrification of railway track is a need based exercise which is reviewed on a continuous basis. Investment on Railway Electrification is primarily based on the traffic requirements of the system and those sections which are considered necessary are taken up for electrification. However, at present there is no proposal to electrify Madurai-Dindigul, Madurai-Virudhunagar and Madurai-Rameshwaram railway lines.

Selling of tickets by Cyber Cafes

2712. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that IRCTS have engaged number of 'Cyber Cafes' for selling train tickets; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) is selling e-tickets through SIFY Cyber Cafes.

Gauge conversion in Rajasthan

2713. DR. PRABHA THAKUR:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the time-frame for the completion of gauge conversion projects in Rajasthan;

(b) the physical and financial progress with respect to gauge conversions in the State of Rajasthan and reasons for the delay; and

(c) what is the budget provision for gauge conversion of Rewari-Sadulpur/ Sri Ganganagar-Sarupsar/Phulera-Jodhpur railway line and whether allocated funds are sufficient for completion of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) Details of ongoing gauge conversion projects falling fully/ partly in Rajasthan alongwith anticipated cost, expenditure incurred upto March'06, outlay during 2006-07, percentage physical progress alongwith the targets wherever fixed are as under:

(Rs. in crores)

Sl. No.	Gauge conversion Projects in Rajasthan	Anticipated Cost 06-07	Exp. upto Mar.06	Outlay 06-07	%age physical progress	Target wherever fixed
1.	Rewari-Sadulpur including Sadulpur-Hissar	306.58	2.15	28.99	6	Rewari-Sadulpur 2008-09
2.	Sriganganagar-Sarupsar	143.92	1.2	9.28	6	-
3.	Pipar Road-Bilara	33.44	5.88	25	20	2007-08
4.	Bhildi-Sadmari	244.74	8.72	115	18	2007-08
5.	Ajmer-Udaipur-Chittaurgarh	456	260.21	194.98	70	2006-07
6.	Phulera-Marwar-Ahmedabad, Ahmedabad Yard remodelling, Sabarmati-Khodiyar.	477.97	488.49	5	95	Completed except residual works
7.	Ajmer-Phulera-Ringus-Rewari	469.1	127.46	270	15	2007-08

Phulera-Jodhpur gauge conversion has already been completed.

Gauge conversion in Rajasthan

2714. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many new proposals for gauge conversion of Rajasthan State have been included in Rail Budget 2005-06 for conducting survey work;